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1. THE INITIAL OFFICIAL YUGOSLAV REACTION TO ZHIVKOV'S JUNE
15 BLAGOEVGRAD SPEECH WAS, IN ESSENCE, TO IGNORE IT. PRESS
COVERAGE WAS MINIMAL, OMITTING MENTION OF ZHIVKOV'S OFFER TO
SIGN A TREATY RENOUNCING TERRITORIAL CLAIMS AND CRITICAL OF
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HIS FAILURE TO ADDRESS QUESTIONS OF MACEDONIAN NATIONALITY
AND THE MACEDONIAN MINORITY IN BULGARIA.

2. FIRST INDICATION TO YUGOSLAV PUBLIC OF THE SUBSTANCE OF
ZHIVKOV'S OFFER OF A TREATY RENOUNCING TERRITORIAL CLAIMS
CAME ON JUNE 26 WHEN BOTH "POLITIKA" AND "BORBA" CARRIED AN
IDENTICAL ATTACK ON A SPEECH GIVEN BY BULGARIAN CP CC

SECRETARY DIMITAR STANISEV REVIEWING THE 11TH LCY CONGRESS. WHILE CRITICIZING STANISEV'S SPEECH (FOR FAILING TO ACKNOWLEDGE A MACEDONIAN NATIONALITY, FAILING TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF THE MACEDONIAN MINORITY IN BULGARIA, AND "ABSURD" NOTIONS ABOUT YUGOSLAV DESIGNS ON BULGARIA), BORRA AND POLITIKA ALSO NOTED ZHIVKOV'S TREATY GESTURE BUT IMMEDIATELY DISMISSED IT WITH THE OBERVATION THAT A LOCAL LEADER OF THE BLAGOEVGRAD DISTRICT HAD ALSO SPOKEN AT THE SAME PLACE AND TIME AND IN THE SAME VEIN AS STANISEV "TO THE APPLAUSE OF THE HIGHEST LEADERSHIP."

3. THE DEFINITIVE GOY RESPONSE TO ZHIVKOV CAME ON JUNE 30 WITH A HEAVY SALVO OF DOCUMENTATION. FSFA PRESS SPOKESMAN KALEZIC AT HIS WEEKLY PRESS MEETING -- CARRIED PROMINENTLY IN PRESS NEXT DAY -- NOTED AGAIN THAT THE ESSENTIAL PROBLEM IS THAT OF THE MACEDONIAN MINORITY'S EXISTENCE IN BULGARIA. KALEZIC PRESENTED TWO DRAFT YUGOSLAV NEGOTIATING DOCUMENTS WHICH HE SAID WERE PRESENTED TO BULGARIANS IN 1976. ONE IS A SOLEMN DECLARATION, CONCERNING RESPECT FOR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND THE INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS. THE OTHER IS A JOINT DECLARATION, COVERING MANY AREAS BUT ESPECIALLY OBLIGING BOTH PARTIES TO RESPECT FULLY THE RIGHTS OF NATIONAL MINORITIES. NEGOTIATIONS HAVE COME TO NOTHING DUE TO BULGARIAN INTRANSIGENCE OVER THE QUESTION OF THE MACEDONIANS, KALEZIC CHARGED. KALEZIC DISMISSED ZHIVKOV'S OFFER TO TERRITORIAL RENUNCIATION WITH THE REMARK THAT THIS QUESTION HAD NOT BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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AT ISSUE SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II; ADDING THAT SUCH AN OFFER WOULD ONLY MAKE SENSE IF IT INCLUDED RECOGNITION OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE MACEDONIAN MINORITY IN BULGARIA AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE FACT THAT A MACEDONIAN NATION EXISTS IN YUGOSLAVIA. KALEZIC CLOSED HIS EXPOSITION WITH THE OBSERVATION THAT BULGARIA HAD NOT ALWAYS DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF A MACEDONIAN MINORITY AND THE PRESENT POLICY REPRESENTS THE ABANDONING OF THE EARLIER COURSE OF GEORGI DIMITROV.

4. AS FOR ZHIVKOV'S EMOTIONALLY NATIONALISTIC PETRICH SPEECH FOLLOWING CLOSELY ON HIS BLAGOEVGRAD APPEARANCE (ALSO REPORTED REFTTEL), YUGOSLAVS HAVE NOT YET RESPONDED SPECIFICALLY. DOUBTLESS THEY HEARD WHAT ZHIVKOV SAID THERE, AND DOUBTLESS REGARD THOSE AS ZHIVKOV'S "REAL" SENTIMENTS ON THE MACEDONIAN QUESTION.
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